

St Giles' and St George's C of E Academy

Aspire Believe Achieve

Thursday 12th September 2024



Diary Dates

Monday 23 rd September	Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 23 rd September	Phonics workshop for parents
Tuesday 24 th September	Y6 STEM day at The King's
Tuesday 24 th September w/b 30 th September	Reception balance bikes Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 3 SHINE
Thursday 3 rd October	Parents Evening
Tuesday 8 th October	EYFS Early writing workshop for parents
Wednesday 9 th October	KS1 SHINE
Thursday 10 th October	School photographs
Tuesday 22 nd October	EYFS Shine
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 6 CJ GLOW
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 7 th November	Sparkle and shine disco
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 5 SHINE
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 5 DT GLOW
Tuesday 10 th December	Festival of Music (singing squad)
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 5 NJ GLOW
Friday 13 th December	Christmas jumper day
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS and KS1 nativity
Wednesday 18 th December	EYFS and KS1 nativity
Friday 20 th December	Finish for Christmas

Welcome Back!

We would like to warmly invite everyone back to the beginning of a new academic year. It is wonderful to welcome back all of our children and families and a special welcome to everyone joining St Giles' and St George's for the first time! We are really looking forward to a fabulous year.

Homework

We ask that all children read at least three times a week. In addition to this, children will receive spelling to learn and weekly homework via class dojo. If your child requires a paper copy of the homework, please let your class teacher know. If a child is struggling with their homework Miss Lunt runs a Homework club on a Wednesday lunchtime which they can attend.

Class dojo

Class teachers will use class dojo to communicate with parents and share the exciting things that are happening in the classes so please make sure you are all signed up. If you have any problems, please speak to the class teacher.



ClassDojo

Start of the year

Please make sure your child has the correct uniform (expectations for each year group are below). Please also make sure that they have a water bottle in school each day and that any dinners are ordered via ParentPay by 8:30am on the day they are needed.

School Uniform

Early Years

- Plain navy T-shirt
- Navy shorts (navy leggings or jogging bottoms during winter)
- Navy hoodie (no zip)
- Trainers.

Year 1- Year 2

- Grey trousers or skirt (grey shorts or blue gingham dress can be worn in summer)
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes

Year 3 - Year 6

- Grey trousers or skirt (grey shorts or blue gingham dress can be worn in summer)
- White shirt
- School tie
- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes

PE Kit Year 1 - Year 6

- Plain navy T-shirt
- Navy shorts (navy leggings or jogging bottoms during winter)
- Navy hoodie (no zip)
- Trainers.

PE hoodies and jogging bottoms can only be ordered from Smart school uniform
Children will have set PE days where they will need to come into school in their PE kit.

Parking - Thank you to all parents who are helping us by parking respectfully and respecting our neighbours. Please can I remind everyone that as we commence a new school year that we do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines, in the Doctor's car park of block residents' driveways. Unfortunately, 5 days in and I have already received resident complaints about parental parking. Thank you for your support, understanding and cooperation.

New staff welcome:

Please meet and welcome our new staff, please make sure to say hello when you see them.



Miss Jackson
Year 6 Teacher



Mrs Williamson
Safeguarding officer and
Family Support worker



Miss Whyte
KS1 SCITT Student



Miss Benson Lees
Year 4 SCITT Student

New Pupil Leaders

A new school year, means new pupil leaders!

Please meet our new pupil leadership team:

Head Boy - **Lucas**

Head Girl - **Nadia**

Deputy Head Boy - **Michael**

Deputy Head Girl - **Maddie**

We encourage leadership at all levels within school, our Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to be prefects working as peer mentors at break and lunchtime whilst our other year groups have opportunities as Worship council members, digital leaders or wellbeing ambassadors. We look forward to sharing examples of their work with you throughout the year.

Safeguarding Team at St Giles and St Georges



Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)
Catherine
Pointon



Deputy DSL
Helen Booth



Deputy DSL
Nicola Jones



Principal
Catherine
Pointon



Safeguarding
Champion
(Governor)
Sue Taylor

- IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OR SAFETY OF ANY CHILD, PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

- IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BEHAVIOUR OF AN ADULT ON SITE, PLEASE SPEAK TO THE PRINCIPAL OR THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, OR THE DIRECTOR OF SAFEGUARDING AND SEND



Chair of Local
Governing
Body
Sue Taylor



Director of
Safeguarding &
SEND (Trust)
Sarah Milne



Safeguarding
Trustee
Julie Pilmore

Out of setting contacts:

Director of Safeguarding & SEND
smilne@threespiretrust.org
07904 008250

Safeguarding Trustee
jpilmore.trustee@threespiretrust.org

Local governors can be contacted by speaking to a member of staff.

Clubs

We are really pleased to be able to offer a wide and extensive range of clubs as we embark on the Autumn term. Club letters have been shared on class dojo this week. If you would like your child to attend a club, please let the class teacher know through Class dojo or by writing a message in their planner.

All clubs commence again from Monday 16th September and run through to Friday 25th October 2024

Attendance Update

As most parents will be aware, the Government have introduced new legislation to schools in regards to attendance and absence fines. Please can we stress this is Government legislation that we have to follow, it's not up to individual schools. Please find below information regarding the fines around school absences.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent
£2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000